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Target for Poland

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1. We would like for the [redacted] target IId. (L) (1) in the list of 15 October 1957 to be submitted again. In the location of the target, change Ministry of Railroads and Ministry of Road and Air Transport to Ministry of Transportation.

2. In addition, we would like the following new targets submitted:

Objective IId.

The strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet (including Satellite) economy, with particular reference to its ability to support a major war; the motivation, character, and magnitude of current economic development programs, their implementation, and their effect upon the economic political, and military strength of the Soviet Bloc; the capabilities and vulnerabilities of the Soviet and Satellite internal communications systems.

(2) Background

The Polish railroads were reported to be operating at a loss in 1957 and the loss was expected to increase in 1958. Inland waterway enterprises reportedly have been operating at a loss for sometime. In order to determine the real financial status of the various transportation enterprises, the financial statements of the various state enterprises are needed.

Basic Requirements

Financial information, including income and expenditures of railroads, trucking enterprises, and inland shipping enterprises by source of income and object of expenditure. Investments by object of expenditure for all modes of transport.

Target

Financial statements

Location

Ministry of Transportation
Ministry of Finance

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(3) Background

Early in 1945 the USSR negotiated certain agreements with Poland to provide for free or unrestricted access to East Germany by way of Polish railroads. Such agreements may have permitted some degree of USSR authority or influence over Polish railway operations. It is entirely possible that USSR influence continues to exist, particularly in view of the fact that Poland offers the most direct access to East Germany.

Requirements

Information is required on any control or influence which is exerted by the USSR which definitely affects the operations of Polish railroads


Target

USSR control or influence
over Polish railroads

Location

Ministry of Transportation
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Defense
Railroad Management Office in
regions at the USSR-Polish
border

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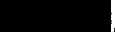


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